REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed. Claims 1, 8, and 9 are amended and new claim 12 is presented. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims and new claim are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-12 are pending.

Claims 1, 8, and 9 are amended to recite, respectively, a device for entering a character string, a method, and a computer-readable program storing the method, including "acquiring a situation peculiar to current input processing among a plurality of situations of the character string processing device that has been started. . . ; (and). . . affirming one of a plurality of dictionaries used for generating a candidate character string or a part of such a dictionary in accordance with the situation acquired with the input situation acquiring part and designating the affirmed dictionary or the affirmed part of the dictionary as a situation-optimized dictionary. (See, for example, page 10, lines 12-20).

New claim 12 is presented to recite features of the present invention in an alternate fashion. Claim 12 recites a method for entering a character string into a character string processing device, including "acquiring a situation peculiar to current input processing among a plurality of situations of the character string processing device that has been started or an activated program on the character string processing device." (See, for example, page 10, lines 12-20).

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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